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Interviewer: 805 Respondents
County: August 18-19,
City/Town: _____

47 Male
53 Female
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Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Of the people living in your household who are at least 18 years old, including those who are not home right now, can you tell me who had the most recent birthday? (IF PERSON DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS, SAY:) Well, of the ones you do know, who had the last birthday? May I speak to that person please? (IF PERSON WITH MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY IS NOT HOME, FIND OUT WHEN HE/SHE WILL RETURN AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL BACK.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT COMES TO THE PHONE, SAY:)

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Are you at least 18 years old and the person with the most recent birthday of all the adults living in this household? (IF "YES," SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

- Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes	10	CONTINUE	[14]
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No	-	TERMINATE	
.		AND	
Not sure	-	DO NOT COUNT	
.			

- Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	
Will be a recession.....	57	25	30	23	30	31	[15]
Will not be a	26	49	57	64	56	56	

recession.....

Not sure..... 17 26 13 13 14 13

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling the conflict in the Middle East?

Approve..... 7 [16]
2

Disapprove 1
6

Not sure... 1
2

4a. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the United States' sending military forces to Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf?

Approve.....	7 0	ASK	[19]
Disapprove	2 1	Q.4b.	
Not sure...	9	SKIP TO Q.5.	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE IN Q.4a.)

4b. Why do you (approve/disapprove) of this action? What are the main reasons you think this is a (good/bad) idea?

(PROBE:) What else?

Net Approve	76%	Net Disapprove	24%	[20 - 27]
We have to show the world we mean business, show our strength, we are not playing, we are taking a strong stand and won't be pushed around	18	We should not get involved in the problems of other countries, this is none of our business, we are always sticking our noses in other peoples' affairs, let them fight their own wars.....	8	
We have to protect our interest, our investments, it is to our economic advantage to help them.....	18	Young men will be killed, trading lives for gasoline.....	8	
Can't let Iraq monopolize, control oil supply, too much is at stake.....	15	Against war, don't want another war.....	4	
Saddam Hussein and his people have to be stopped, they need to be taught a lesson.....	11	Sending troops was a premature move, we should have waited and see what developed first.....	3	
They asked for our help, they have been our allies and friends for many years, they wanted our help.....	9	Take care of America first, too many poor, homeless people here, money should go to them instead.....	2	
It is something that has to be done, we must do what we must do.....	9	Don't know; no response	2%	
Kuwait now, the rest of the Arab countries later	9			
We are preventing a war, United States is a peace keeper nation, what we are doing is preserving peace and helping people.....	8			
We are telling terrorists that aggression will not be tolerated, this is a lesson not only to Iraq but to other countries as well.....	7			

5. Do you feel that, in the Middle East conflict, the worst is ahead for the United States or behind the United States?

Ahead.....	6 9	[28]
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	4
Behind.....	1
	4
Not sure	1
	7

- 6a. Do you feel that the United States can or cannot achieve its objectives solely through economic sanctions and the blockade?

Can achieve its objectives..	4	[29
	3]
Cannot achieve its objectives.....	3	
	7	
Depends (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	1	
	3	

- 6b. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's going to his vacation home in Maine during this Middle East situation?

Approve.....	5	[30
	3]
Disapprove	3	
	9	
Not sure...	8	

7. I'm going to mention some things that may or may not happen in the Middle East and for each one, please tell me whether the U.S. should or should not take military action in connection with it. (READ EACH ITEM AND ASK:) Should the U.S. take military action in connection with this? (RECORD BELOW. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)

	Should Take <u>Military</u> <u>Action</u>	Should Not Take Military <u>Action</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
If Iraq invades Saudi Arabia.....	74	18	8	[33]
If Iraq imprisons or mistreats Americans left in Kuwait	70	18	12	[34]
If terrorists loyal to Iraq kill Americans anywhere....	67	21	12	[35]
If Iraq refuses to withdraw from Kuwait.....	43	42	15	[36]
If the U.S. develops a major shortage of oil that increases the price of gasoline to over \$2 per gallon.....	27	64	9	[37]
If the U.S. develops a major shortage of oil that threatens an economic recession and closes some of our factories.....	39	50	11	[38]

8. Let me read you a number of policy alternatives facing the United States. For each, please tell me if you support or oppose it. (READ CHOICE AND ASK:) Do you support or oppose that move? (RECORD BELOW. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)

	<u>Support</u> <u>t</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
A) Invading Iraq to free Americans who are unable to leave.....	61	30	9	[39]]
B) Blockading Jordan if it does not go along with economic sanctions.....	59	26	15	[40]]
C) Calling up National Guard reserves to back up troops overseas.....	79	17	4	[41]]
D) Cutting off all food to Iraq even if it means innocent civilians will go hungry.....	54	38	8	[42]]

9. Which of the following do you think will be the ultimate result of our actions in the Middle East:

(READ CHOICES)?

A) America will have to withdraw without achieving its objectives.....	8	[43]
B) America will achieve its objectives without a shooting war.....	4	0
C) America will end up in a war with Iraq.....	4	2
Not sure.....	1	0

10. The price of U.S. gasoline has gone up recently. Who do you believe is most responsible for this:

(READ CHOICES)?

A) Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for invading Kuwait.....	1	[44]
B) President Bush for boycotting the oil from Kuwait and Iraq.....	6	
C) U.S. oil companies for raising their prices.....	7	0
All of these equally (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	4	

11. Let me read you a number of proposals some people have suggested that America should pass in order to avoid an energy shortage. For each, please tell me if you favor or oppose that suggestion. **(READ EACH ITEM AND RECORD BELOW. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
A) Encourage the construction of more nuclear power plants.....	37	57	6	[47]
B) Loosen restrictions on offshore oil drilling	48	42	10	[48]
C) Develop tougher conservation measures that would mean less gas consumption.....	80	15	5	[49]
D) Provide tax advantages for oil producers to make new exploration more advantageous.....	55	37	8	[50]
E) Put a tax on oil to send up the price of gasoline and encourage conservation.....	32	62	6	[51]

12. As of right now, which side do you feel has the upper hand in this conflict--the United States or Iraq?

United States.....	5 2	[52]
Iraq.....	3 1	
Both equal (VOL)	6	
Neither (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	6	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong Democrat/Republican or a not very strong Democrat/Republican? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	2	[53]
.	0	
Not strong Democrat	1	
.	4	
Independent/lean Democrat . . .	7	
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Strictly Independent	1	
.	7	
Independent/lean Republican . .	9	
.		
Not strong Republican	1	
.	3	
Strong Republican	1	
.	5	
Other	3	
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Refused	1	
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Don't know/nothing	1	
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- F2. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24	9	[56]
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25-29	8	
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30-34	1	
.	3	
35-39	1	
.	0	
40-44	1	
.	2	
45-49	7	
.		
50-54	7	
.		
55-59	5	
.		
60-64	9	

.	
65 and over	1
.	9
Not	1
sure/refused	

F3. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White	8	[57]
.	0	
Black	1	
.	2	
Hispanic.	4	
.		
Asian	1	
.		
Other.	2	
.		
Not	1	
sure/refused		

May we please have your name and the town in which you live for validation purposes?

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss _____
(circle one)

Town: _____

RECORD THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT ASK!

TELEPHONE #: _____
(Area Code)

Length of Interview:

5 minutes or less	1	[58]
	4	
6 to 10 minutes	6	
	6	
11 to 15 minutes	1	
	6	
16 to 20 minutes	3	
21 to 25 minutes	1	
More than 25 minutes.....	-	

Call Attempt:

First call	9	[61]
	3	
Second call	5	
Third call	2	

Interview began: : a.m. p.m. Interview ended: : a.m. p.m.
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THIS IS A BONA FIDE INTERVIEW AND HAS BEEN OBTAINED

ACCORDING TO MY AGREEMENT WITH HART-TEETER

Interviewer's Name (PLEASE
SIGN): ~~~~~

Validated
By: ~~~~~ Date: ~~~~~
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